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# JESTER DIES WHILE ON TRAIN

## Truman Cancels Appeal For Increase In Taxes

President Offers Congress Program Against Recession

Economy Continues Strong, Healthy, Solons Are Told

WASHINGTON, July 11.—(P)—President Truman today cancelled his call for a \$4,000,000,000 tax increase. He bowed to a temporary deficit spending policy to head off depression.

"No major increase in taxes should be undertaken at this time," were the president's words. "Also, we cannot expect to achieve a budget surplus in a declining national economy."

In a stunning reversal of his stand, Mr. Truman sent to Congress a midyear economic report wiped clean of his past demands for price, wage or other business controls.

Instead—stating that unemployment is acute in some areas—he proposed 11 new laws to build up job and production, boost consumer income and buying power and loosen federal controls.

All the ideas were familiar. Most were not drastic. They included

### Allan Shivers On Way To Austin To Take Over Office

AUSTIN, July 11.—(P)—Lieutenant Governor Allan Shivers, who will succeed Beauford Jester as governor of Texas, told the governor's office he would reach Austin from his Woodville farm about mid-afternoon today.

Lieut. Gov. Shivers said here today he would not take the oath of office as governor of Texas until

Sen. G. C. Morris of Greenville, president pro tem of the senate, will become acting lieutenant governor.

Shivers is 41 years old.

Young Senator.

Shivers entered Texas politics by running for the state senate. He was the youngest senator ever to take the oath of office, serving 12 years from 1935 to 1947, when he began his first term as lieutenant governor. He has never met political defeat.

He is swearing in as governor with a family cheer in Texas, which began about 100 years ago when his great-grandmother halted her covered wagon on a hill in Tyler county.

Shivers was born in Lufkin, Oct. 5, 1901. He attended school in Woodville and Port Arthur, the latter city now being his official home town.

The tall, handsome lawmaker and executive is married and has three children.

His wife is the former Miss Marialice Shary of Mission.

Shivers held all the honors of the senate. He was president pro tem and chairman of many of its important committees.

War Veteran.

He volunteered for service in World War I and was with the American military government in North Africa, Italy, France and Germany for two years. He was discharged with the rank of major.

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### Two Republicans May Ask Probe Of Hiss Case Judge

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### Lamesa Fugitives Recaptured After Escaping Prison

LAMESA, Tex., July 11.—(P)—Three prisoners who cracked the Lamesa county jail twice in three days were caught napping.

Sheriff Roy King and Sam Floyd yesterday found the trio asleep in a railway trailer. They had tracked them 17 miles to a railroad right-of-way.

King took the trio to Lubbock for safe keeping.

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Nixon said Kaufman had been unfair and there should be an investigation. He said politics figured in the trial, that the Truman administration didn't want anything bad to happen to Hiss because it feared there would be support for reports of Communist infiltration of the government during the New Deal.

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### Polio Death Toll In Texas Mounts; New Cases Found

By The Associated Press.

Texas' polio death toll climbed over the week end.

George William Caswell, 27, of Paint Rock, Texas, died in a San Angelo hospital yesterday.

Caswell was the tenth polio death of the year at San Angelo. All but three of the fatalities were out-of-town persons.

No new cases were reported, but Fort Worth and Houston had new patients.

Sanis got a DDT dusting from airplane, and a ground cleanup.

Fort Worth's City-Council Hospital admitted two patients, one from outside the county. This raised the number treated at the hospital this year to 59.

Two Harris county victims were admitted to a Houston clinic, raising the county total to 30, including two deaths.

Two boys, aged three and seven, were admitted to Parkland Hospital in Dallas Saturday.

Raymond Emery, 31, of Temple was flown to Dallas Saturday from Shreveport, where he was stricken. He was taken to the Veterans Administration Hospital.

Test Case Is Due Against Rent Act By Texas Group

FORT WORTH, July 11.—(P)—A test case against the constitutionality of the federal rent control act is planned by the executive board of the Texas Social and Economic Conference.

Bill Wills, attorney, said the case is expected to originate in Dallas and will center around the legal point of whether Congress can delegate a portion of its powers to cities. He said this was done when it made rent control a local option with city government.

### Big Corn Crop Is Predicted; Wheat Estimate Lowered

WASHINGTON, July 11.—(P)—The agriculture department today forecast this year's corn crop at \$3,630,185,000 bushels and the wheat crop at 1,183,989,000 bushels on the basis of July 1 conditions.

This is the first estimate of the year for the Corn Commission, which has a record of 3,650,544,000 bushels and with a ten-year (1938-48) average of 2,737,628,000 bushels.

The wheat estimate is 148,286,000 bushels, less than 1,338,987,000 forecast a month ago. It compares with last year's big crop of 1,283,406,000 bushels and with the ten-year average of 991,950,000 bushels.

The winter wheat crop was put at 982,095,000 bushels. This is 104,646,000 bushels less than 1,08,741,000 at 255,985,000 bushels. This is 43,420,000 less than 300,000,000 last year and 285,387,000 for the year average.

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### Senators Approve Ten Per Cent Cut In Funds For ECA

Original Demands For Economy Are Somewhat Softened

WASHINGTON, July 11.—(P)—The Senate appropriations committee has approved a 10 percent cut in funds for the European Recovery Program, a member said today.

The senator, who asked that identification be withheld, reported the group agreed to \$3,773,380,000 to finance continued Marshall Plan operations.

The approved cut totaled \$420,000, which will come from the economic co-operation administration's proposed budget for recovery operations during the fiscal year which started July 1.

ECA Chief Paul Hoffman had requested \$4,198,000,000 for the second year recovery program. The house cut this figure to \$3,588,470,000, but permitted ECA to spend the money in 10-12 months if necessary.

The senate figure represented a compromise between those who favored the full ECA program and economy advocates who wanted to cut up to \$740,000,000 off the program.

The 20-members committee was called into a closed-door session by its chairman, Senator McCall (D-Tenn.). In a lengthy public feud with Hoffman, McCall had talked of cuts of as much as \$800,000,000 from ERP funds, and at times, suggested that Hoffman resign.

Senator Bridges (R-N.H.) former appropriation chairman, at first urged a deep slash but more recently called for a cutback of \$300,000,000 to \$400,000,000. Bridges said he does not want to sponsor "crippling" reductions.

Senators from farm states also have softened original economy demands. Hoffman pointed out that if ECA is forced to slash its spending its purchase and export of grains, cotton, and other major farm commodities will suffer greatly.

The foreign aid bill carried about \$6,200,000,000 as it came from the

See ECA FUNDS, Page 6.

### Emergency Called By King George For Dock Strike

LONDON, July 11.—(P)—King George VI proclaimed a state of emergency today to deal with a crippling strike on the London docks.

The king acted on the recommendation of the cabinet after wildcat dock strikers defied a back to work call by the labor government.

A mass meeting of 5,000 dockers had voted earlier to continue their stoppage.

A total of 10,278 men—out of the London dock force of about 25,000 men—failed to show up for work this morning. That left 112 ships idle in the tieup denounced by the government as Communist-led.

Word of the vote was flashed to the cabinet, which already was on session.

The cabinet promptly sent word to Buckingham Palace and the King convened a half hour session of his privy council to draw up the proclamation.

This is the first step for invoking the emergency powers Act of 1920.

Under the act the government may take extraordinary action to safeguard such things as food deliveries, water supplies and transportation.

It may take over control of ports, grant the police power to arrest without a warrant and commandeer buildings to billet soldiers. In extreme cases non-docked civilians may be drafted to handle ship cargoes.

London, July 11.—(P)—Britain hopes to find a solution to her dock problem by September.

That is the upshot of a three-day, closed-door conference here between United States Treasury Secretary John Snyder, British Economic Councillor Sir Stafford Cripps and Canadian Finance Minister Douglas Abbott.

The three issued a joint communiqué. It promised fact-finding discussions right away and more ministerial talks in Washington in September.

"The aim," it said, "must be the achievement of a pattern of world trade in which dollar and nondollar countries can operate together within one single multi-lateral system."

Cripps had told Britain her dollar and gold reserves had sunk almost \$400,000,000 below the \$2,000,000,000 danger line, and ordered a three-month moratorium on all but urgent dollar purchases.

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### Leaders In State And Nation Pay Jester Tribute

By The Associated Press.

A great tragedy to Texas, state and national leaders said today of the death of Gov. Beauford H. Jester.

President Truman sent a telegram to Mrs. Jester saying: "I am shocked and saddened by the sorrow which has come with such sudden and tragic force to you and to the members of your family and to the people of the great state of Texas whom he served so faithfully and well. I offer this assurance of heartfelt sympathy."

The British consul general at Houston sent a message expressing "deepest sympathy on behalf of the British government."

J. Howard McGrath conveyed the sympathy of the Democratic national committee of which he is chairman.

At his farm near Woodville, Lieut. Gov. Allen Shivers said: "I know of no man more sincerely interested in trying to better his state."

At Corsicana, John C. Calhoun, state Democratic chairman, said Jester "has been a great governor, facing many conditions not too well understood by the people. But in every case his decisions have been honest and straightforward. Texas has lost a great citizen as well as a great leader."

State Senator A. M. Aikin, in Paris, Texas, said: "I am, of course, profoundly and deeply grieved and shocked. His sincerity and high degree of ability and integrity made him a great chief executive of Texas."

In Dallas, Rep. W. O. Reed,

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### Chiang Has Talk With President Of Philippines

BAGUIO, Philippines, July 11.—(P)—President Elpidio Quirino and Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek tonight called for a union of the countries of Asia and the Pacific to "contain and counteract" the threat of Communism.

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"It is our hope that other countries in Asia and the Pacific will eventually respond to the highest aims of the proposed union," it said.

Chiang said "although I have come to the Philippines upon the invitation of President Quirino to confer with him in my private

### Yugoslav Policy

### Tito To Seal His Border With Greece

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia, July 11.—(P)—Premier Marshal Tito last night said Yugoslavia plans to seal its border with Greece.

He said the object would be to protect Yugoslavs from the Greek civil war.

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Included were the Greek border situation, negotiations for a loan from the West, the economic

blockade and progress of Yugoslavia's five-year plan.

Of the Greek situation, Tito said

"It has come to this: That we must gradually close this frontier and safeguard the lives of our workingmen in this part of our country."

"It is true," he said, "that we are asking for and we shall take a loan if a loan is given to us because we need the loan, while also the giving of the loan would be useful

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SILENCING THE CHURCH

Americans are bound to be indignant over the attacks against church leaders and institutions now being made in Czechoslovakia. It is readily apparent that the Czech government, like those of Yugoslavia and Hungary in earlier instances, is unable to endure the existence of free thought in the church, and therefore is trying to get rid of it by silencing the leaders of the church. So long accustomed to freedom of thought as a matter of course, and to the inviolate freedom of the church, Americans are shocked by these efforts to bend the pulpit to the will of the state.

We cannot interfere. The matter is between the people concerned and their political rulers. American sympathies are wholeheartedly with the peoples. We can tell the world of our indignation, as we have done and doubtless will continue to do, but we can go no farther. Public opinion is our only lever, and it seems a futile one against rulers who seemingly care not at all for the opinions of the public.

But in turning openly against the church these rulers have surely blundered. No state has ever been able permanently to silence the church, though many have tried. Every ruler who has made the attempt in the end has been shorn of the power he so misused. It is not likely that the communists of these Soviet satellite states will write a new page in history, but rather that they will repeat an old one.

## BERATING CONGRESS

"I have Congress on my hands." So in an unguarded moment spoke that bluntest of presidents, Grover Cleveland. Not having a legislative program which he would like to see Congress enact or having no hope of having his wishes regarded, he came to feel that the best of all possible Congresses was one which had dispersed to its homes. Let alone, Cleveland felt that he could carry on the government reasonably well. If Congress were in session, it would be sure to snipe at him and leave sore spots on his extraordinarily thin skin.

Other presidents have felt that way about Congress, and therefore have been loath to call it in extra session when once it had gone home. Hoover found Congress no joy, Coolidge seems to have regarded it as a necessary evil. Other presidents like, Franklin Roosevelt, have found Congress, while sometimes unruly, could on occasion be very helpful.

Now President Truman is having a real test. He has a large and ambitious legislative program, which is only now beginning to start on its way to passage. If he gets part of it through now and another sizeable installment in 1950, he will not feel like complaining about Congress. But a chief executive as well grounded as he is in American history will remember that it is generally popular for a president to berate Congress.

## NO NATIONALIZED PRESS

After a two-year study, a special commission has reported to the British Parliament in the state of the press in that nation, and the advisability of nationalizing the press along with other industries. If any enthusiastic Socialists hoped for a finding which would indicate that the government ought to take over the newspapers, they were completely disappointed.

"Free enterprise is a pre-requisite for a free press,"

## Edgar A. Guest

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**TRUMAN**  
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"But there is nothing healthy about more unemployment or less."

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In his midyear economic report to Congress, President Truman:  
Advises against a tax boost; urges some cuts in spending;  
Declares the economy strong but menaced by joblessness.  
Asks for 11-point anti-depression program.  
Drops his demands for "stand-by" federal controls.  
Sets a national output goal of \$300 billion—a 20 per cent rise.

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C of C Membership Shows Increase

The membership of the Corsicana Chamber of Commerce was increased to 325 with the recent addition of five new members.

The new members are, T. W. Fluker, 1305 West Second Avenue; Gene Browning, North Beaton Welding and Radiator Works; Louis Shwarts, cotton, 110-12 East Collin street; Harry Miller of Harry Miller Grocery, and Marc Bunk Cloud, insurance, 946 North Beaton street.

Zion's Rest H. D. Club Has Meeting

Zion's Rest Home Demonstration Club met Friday afternoon in the home of Mrs. W. V. Knight, who served as demonstrator for a program on the subject of making lamps out of bottles and making lamp shades.

Attending were a new member,

Mr. Albert Gorman, and three visitors.

The club will meet again Friday, July 15, at the home of Mrs. Charles Dobbs.

Cemetery Meeting

The Oak Valley and White's Chapel circle of the Hamilton-Beech cemetery association will meet with Mrs. O. S. Bryson, 1715 West Seventh Avenue, Tuesday afternoon, July 12.

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## Yarber Files New Suit Contesting Recent Election

A new suit contesting the recent election was filed in Navarro District Court Thursday by Robert V. Yarber, local monument works operator.

Yarber named as defendants Mayor Hubert Braselton and Commissioner Fred Prince, P. Travis Fullwood, J. E. Davant and Edgar Rittersbacher.

The petitioners asked that the election in which Corsicana's schools were separated from the city, a tax rate, and boundaries extended be declared null and void. His grounds were that annexed citizens had no voice in the election. He also alleged:

1. The plaintiff (Yarber) had no right to vote in the election because of the city poll tax law.

2. Less than 5 per cent of the city voters cast ballots.

3. The limited extension gives the city commission (defendants) the right to impose taxes on citizens in the annexed areas.

4. That these "privileges" are a violation of the "due process" clause in the U. S. constitution and a violation of Article 1, Section 13 of the constitution.

This is Yarber's second election contest suit filed.

No answer has been filed in the case.

## County Has 86.74 Per Cent Of Bond Quota On July 2

Navarro county had reached 86.74 percent of its quota of Series E bonds in the Opportunity Drive, U. S. savings bond division, U. S. treasury, through July 2, according to a report received by Joe E. Butler, county chairman, from Nathan Adams, Dallas chairman, advisory committee of Texas.

Bond sales in Navarro county have reached \$164,801.25 of a quota of \$180,000.

The final report of the campaign will be made following the close of the counting, July 18.

Sales of surrounding counties include: Henderson, \$30,157.50; 11.85 percent of quota; Free-

stone, \$41,493.75; 103.73 percent;

1211, \$93,410; 74.13 percent; Lime-

stone, \$77,913.75; 73.50 percent;

Ellis, \$134,468.50; 71.53 percent.

The state average percent is 93.34. The total sales in Texas through July 2 were \$36,490,676.75.

## Board Asks City Take In Site Of New Institution

Navarro county hospital board voted Sunday at its July meeting to request the City of Corsicana, at its convenience, to include the recently acquired 29.75-acre site east of the IOOF Home within the city limits of the municipality. A new \$120,000 Navarro County Memorial Hospital is to be erected on the site. Architects are busily at plans and specifications at the present time.

The monthly report of the hospital showed collections of \$6,249.70 with disbursements of \$6,593.04. There were 155 patients, including 20 charity (bed) and 15 charity of 27 outpatients.

There were 42 deliveries and 59 operations during the month.

Hospital charity was listed at \$844.96, with physicians' free services at \$851.

## Three Unite With First Baptist Services Sunday

Scores of local Baptists went to Latham Springs Encampment Sunday afternoon to attend the Training Union program and to visit those spending the week at the encampment.

There were 655 in Sunday school at the First Baptist church Sunday. Dr. Ward L. Cartlidge, pastor, brought the messages at both hours Sunday.

Three united with the church by letter.

This week's meetings include the WMS at 3:30 p. m. Monday, the Young Woman's Auxiliary at 7 p. m. Monday with Mrs. E. M. Caskey.

The regular mid-week services will be held Wednesday night with visitation Thursday morning and men's visitation Thursday at 6:30 p. m. followed by banquet at the church.

The scheduled deacon's meeting Monday night and the stated church conference Wednesday have been postponed one week.

## Charles L. Ray Funeral Rites Held On Sunday

Funeral services for Charles L. Ray, Sr., aged 64 years, who died at the P. and S. Hospital early Saturday, were held Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock from the Corley Funeral Chapel. The rites were conducted by Rev. A. J. Kirkland, pastor of the Missionary Baptist church. Burial was in the Hamilton cemetery.

A native of Navarro county, Ray had been janitor of the Powell school.

Surviving are his wife of Powell; four sons, Roy A. Ray, Odessa; Thorp R. Ray, Harrison, Ark.; Charles L. Ray, Jr., Abilene; J. W. Ray, Waco; two daughters, Mrs. Louise Bredehaw, Corsicana, and Mrs. Letta Spinks, Glen Rose; 15 grandchildren, and another, Joe H. Ray, Canton.

Relatives were Willis Rutherford, Adrian Rutherford, Willard Rutherford, James Robinson, Charles Armstrong and Joe Armstrong.

Powell Couple Married. S. W. Meeks and Tressie Hicks, both of Powell, were married at the courthouse Friday afternoon by Justice of the Peace J. W. Sheppard.

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## Installation Of IOOF-Rebekahs Officers Tuesday

Joint public installation ceremonies will be held at the IOOF Hall Tuesday night for Corsicana Lodge No. 63, IOOF, and Home Rebekah Lodge No. 128. Refreshments will be served following the program. The public installation begins at 8 p. m., but the Rebekah Lodge will meet in regular session an hour earlier.

Zeima Hanson, student of the IOOF Home, will be soloist for the installation.

Following the installation under the direction of Mrs. Alberta Fortune, district deputy Rebekah president, and W. T. Rascoe, appointed acting district deputy grand master by J. S. Jordan, district deputy grand master, the past noble grand's pin will be presented by Hallie Steely.

After short talks by outgoing officers, Sarah McMullan and Leroy Barlow will present musical numbers.

L. S. Dupree, Dallas banker and chairman of the Grand Lodge, IOOF finance committee, will be the principal speaker. Conley Lovelace, superintendent of the Home, will pronounce the benediction.

H. J. Bryant, became noble grand of the Odd Fellows and Dee Parker heads the Rebekahs. The retiring noble grand's are Rex Bellamy and Clearey Shoemaker.

## Annual Meeting For Methodist District Is Held

The annual set up meeting for the Corsicana District of the Methodist Church was held Friday afternoon from four until six o'clock at the First Methodist Church with the new district superintendent, Dr. D. A. Chisholm, presiding.

Of the twenty-five charges in the district, most of them were represented by the pastors and district stewards. Among the matters attended to was the acceptance of the apportionments of general and conference benevolences, jurisdictional expense, general administration and district work.

Among the activities set up and dates for same, included two sub-districts and one district training school for church school workers to be held, sub-district schools at First Methodist church November 7th and through the 9th, and at Mexia March 5th through the 9th. The district-wide school at First Church, Corsicana, March 12th through the 16th. Other local training schools and classes were discontinued.

Other matters discussed were evangelism, missions, and finances and district-wide basis. Increased church school enrollment to the amount of ten per cent and 75 per cent of the enrollment in attendance. Many special days in keeping with the conference program were also set up.

## Gilliam-Redford Marriage Rites Held At Ennis

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Gilliam have announced the marriage of their daughter, Miss Aleene Gilliam, to Billy J. Redford, son of Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Redford, formerly of Kerens.

The ceremony was performed Saturday evening, July 2, at the home of the Rev. Robert Filing in Ennis.

The bride was attired in a white pique dress with navy and white accessories. She wore a corsage of baby orchids. Her only jewelry was a gold necklace, a gift of the bridegroom.

The couple's attendants were Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Vandergorp of Corsicana.

The bride is a graduate of Corsicana High School and an employee of the Collin Street Bakery for two years. The bridegroom is a graduate of Kerens High school and now a student at Navarro Junior College. He served twenty-one months in the navy.

## Birth Announced By Odessa Couple

Mr. and Mrs. Albert J. Bailey of Odessa, former Corsicana residents, have announced the birth of a daughter, Linda Suzanne, July 1. The baby's birth weight was seven pounds.

Linda has received a warm welcome from her brother, Dan; grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Bailey of Angus and Mr. and Mrs. Homer Conant of Arp; great-grandmothers, Mrs. Massey of Odessa and Mrs. S. E. Bailey of Harlingen. The baby's mother is the former Louise Conant.

## Mrs. J. W. Rackley Is Buried Sunday

Mrs. J. W. Rackley, aged 78 years, mother of Mrs. Allen Breitaupt of Corsicana, died at the City Hospital in Teague Saturday night following several years' illness.

Funeral services were held from the First Baptist church in Teague Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock. The rites were conducted by Rev. H. V. Watts, pastor, assisted by Rev. Williams, pastor of the First Methodist church at Dayton, Texas. Interment was in City cemetery in Teague.

Surviving are her husband, of Teague, nine children and other relatives. Mr. and Mrs. Rackley recently observed their 62nd wedding anniversary.

## O. P. Watson, Sr. Died Saturday

O. P. Watson, Sr., 67, resident of Waco 35 years before moving to Cleburne three years ago, died Saturday afternoon in a Fort Worth hospital.

Watson was employed by the William Cameron and Company for about 30 years, and was assistant general auditor of that concern.

Surviving are four sons, Dunn G. Watson, Cleburne; O. P. Watson Jr., Corsicana; Wade Watson Hill, Cleburne; and Thomas A. Watson, Grand Prairie.

Funeral services are planned at Waco at 5 p. m. Monday.

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MRS. JOHN RICHARD CUMMINS

## BILLIE SUE TRONE MARRIED TO JOHN RICHARD CUMMINS IN CEREMONIES HELD HERE

Evening gowns fashioned a backdrop for the summer garden setting in which Miss Billie Sue Trone and John Richard Cummins of Waco exchanged marriage vows Thursday evening. The ceremony had as its officiant the Rev. L. B. Trone, Methodist district superintendent of Pecos Valley, and uncle of the bride.

The cake was served at a table especially laid in a cloth handkerchief linen and a gauze uplique graced with an arrangement of gladioli, asters and achillea and a plastic moon punch bowl edged with bridal blossoms.

Mr. James Cummins of Ennis and Miss Jill Jones served the guests, assisted by Misses Norma Plyler, Tressa Labban and Pati' Buncy.

In the Trone home, colorful arrangements of garden flowers were used. Pastel asters with satin streamers dependent banded the mantel, while more vivid blossoms were noted at other vantage points of the reception suite.

Wedding Train. When Mr. and Mrs. Cummins left on a wedding trip to New Orleans, she was wearing an ensemble combining a chartreuse and navy blue crepe dress with a trim white linen jacket pinstriped in navy blue. Accessorized in navy blue, she wore a starched lace lace hat and a corsage of sunset orchids.

When they return, they will reside at their new ranch home near Corsicana.

The bride, after graduating from Corsicana High school, attended SMU where she pledged Sigma Kappa social sorority. Her husband is a graduate of Corsicana High school and a former student at Texas A & M.

Their wedding was the climax of a series of pre-nuptial courtesies. A rehearsal dinner Wednesday evening at the Corsican Inn was given by Mr. and Mrs. Harold Trone. Cards in a bridal motif marked places for 22 guests, including the principals, their parents, attendants and out-of-town guests. A spectrum of colors gathered in an arrangement of garden flowers centered on the table.

Out-of-Town Guests. Metal-bound urns filled with asters, gladioli and other bridal blossoms graced the top of an ivy-grown background, facing a pierce-worked arch in candlelight as the ceremony concluded.

The bride, who entered the garden from the terrace on the arm of her father, was gowned in imported white organdy demurely fashioned with high rounded neckline and a deep ruffle, edged in lace, outlining the yoke. The lace bodice was closed at the back with minute buttons and dipped to a point, outlined with corded, at the front. Laced edges lace lace and a double collar fold, softly pleated at the shoulders and front. From pasque buds to ballerina length fell fully gathered umbrella skirts, extended over hoops.

Their satin sashes and lace slippers were in a deepest tone, but matched were their short malts and sweetheart bonnets of organza. They carried bouquets of contrasting garden flowers with ribbon streamers.

Miss Trone was dressed in blue; Miss Scott in orchid; Miss Patsy in pink; Miss Daniels in yellow, and Miss Deason in sea-green.

Best Man. Misses Mary Ann Butler and Ruth Hartnett won second and third place respectively.

The boutonnieres were presented at the rodeo grounds in Mexia in the evening, when an elaborate fireworks display was staged.

## Scott-Williams Marriage Slated

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Scott of Dallas have announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Mary Scott, to Curtis Darrell Williams, son of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis E. Williams of Corsicana. The Rev. Earl M. Jones will officiate for the marriage ceremony August 5 in Brooklyn Avenue Methodist church.

Attendants will be Mrs. B. R. Thompson, matron of honor; Mrs. C. P. O'Neal and Mrs. H. V. Marlow, bridesmaids; John F. Rasco, best man; John F. Death and James N. Helsell, groomsmen.

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**ACROSS**

- Existence
- Complete collections
- Drones
- Smooth comb
- Ch. Article
- Spike of corn
- Eternity
- Not on the scale
- Woman's weapon
- Teaching title
- Part of a bride
- Frigid name
- Evergreen tree
- Intertwine
- Crate
- Small barrel
- Harmonized
- Transgression
- Undermine
- Flax covering one's life
- Years of life
- Land measure
- Spot
- Point
- Bolt on the eyelid
- Read
- Odor
- Jumbled type
- Deep hole
- Perform
- Verdant
- through the winter
- name
- Writing table
- Deployment
- the beautiful

**ENIGMATIC LEADER**  
PLANER  
MOWED PIER MO  
LEA DOTS BID  
GOD LANE FETE  
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TYRANT PLEASE  
ORE FREES TO  
SHAM FLEA BAN  
TED BEER ARK  
ON READ AGAMA  
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PARENT ASSERT

Solution Friday's Puzzles

**DOWN**

- Click beetle
- Palae My contempt
- Thus
- Mineral
- Make a mistake
- Due for appointment
- Age
- Corroded
- Large
- Swamp
- Cut off
- Young goat
- Chamomile's name
- Understand
- Orb of day
- Exquisite
- Shout
- Deep track
- Copy
- Grammatical sex distinction
- Obtain by composition
- Carry across water
- Behave
- Kitchen appearance
- Large flatboat
- Plural ending
- Babylonian deity
- Exclamation

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## TRIBUTE

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Senator Lyndon Johnson (D-Tex) was out of the city.

House Speaker Rayburn of Texas said: "I deeply regret the passing of such a fine citizen and public official as Governor Jester. His friends thought he had many years of usefulness ahead of him, and naturally are sad at his death."

Rep. Fisher (D-Tex) said Jester was "a great man, a distinguished American and his loss is an irreparable one. I knew him for many years and had the highest regard for him."

Former Texas Gov. James V. Allred, in Washington for an airline hearing, told a reporter: "I am terribly shocked at the news. The governor was a fine gentleman, sincere in everything he did to do."

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The governor had given his shoes to the porter to be shined.

Jimerson said he went to Jester's berth at the designated time and called several times but that the governor did not answer.

He said the governor, dressed in pajamas, was on his back, his hands folded across his stomach. The porter then summoned the train conductor, O. D. Pierce, Houston, who looked into the berth and then called State Highway Patrolman W. B. Hawkins, who was at the station to meet the governor.

Hawkins, who said he had been waiting at the station since 7:05 a. m., went to the berth and called to the governor, at the same time shaking the mattress and trying to rouse Jester.

"Governor, Governor, this is Hawkins, don't you know me?" the patrolman called.

When the governor made no response, Hawkins called Capt. Glen Rose, head of the state highway patrol office here.

Meanwhile, the conductor and other trainmen felt the governor's pulse and said they were certain Jester was dead.

The governor occupied a lower berth on the platform on "Berkley," a part of the Southern Pacific's night train from Austin.

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Arterbury said he and Jester were classmates at the University of Texas.

Shivers informed the governor's office at Austin that he has not yet taken the oath of office and would stand by. A highway patrol detail was sent to Woodville.

William McGill, Jester's executive secretary, said the governor's body would be removed from the train and taken to a funeral home immediately.

The body was removed to the Houston Funeral Home (1401 Crawford St.).

Mrs. Jester was in Austin at the governor's mansion.

Mrs. Jester, in Austin, advised Robert W. Henderson, Houston, by telephone to have the funeral home embalm the governor's body. She asked that the body be held for further instructions but that no one be permitted to view the remains.

Henderson was prominently associated with Jester's gubernatorial campaigns here.

Jester had been ill with food poisoning during the last strenuous days of the legislature, but apparently had recovered.

In the closing hours of the session, he brought the state budget, in balance, totaling \$17,000,000 from one of the major appropriations bills. He had promised to call the legislature back into special session by next January if a constitutional amendment calling for annual sessions is not adopted at the polls in November.

The session he promised would be to consider a building program for the insane and other wards of the state, and to consider taxation and other finance matters unsettled by the just-ended session.

Jester's friends credited him with having kept Texas in line with the national Democratic organization during the last presidential election. He had carried his fight for state rights—increasing state ownership of the tidelands—through the Philadelphia national convention to a point just short of breaking from the national party organization.

When it came to the showdown, Jester and the Democratic party in Texas of which he was the titular head, stayed with President Truman and the national organization.

Jester last week declined an invitation from Speaker Sam Rayburn to be in Washington today for a conference with officials of other states on the tidelands problem. He said then he had too much work on his desk to take time out for the trip.

At the family farm in Woodville, Shivers said Jester's death was a great tragedy for every person in Texas.

Jester's administration of the governorship for two years and six months was marked not only by the internal strife that tore the Democratic party, but by two legislative sessions that took great forward strides in advancing public services.

The state's first major negro university founded during his first term, and legislation designed to improve the state's prison system, its system of state hospitals, and complete reorganization of the public school system was adopted.

Jester, who had campaigned twice on a no new tax platform, had lately admitted the need for new taxes to finance their extensions. He had urged legislation for establishment of a tax commission and one to study needs of state colleges, but the 51st legislature turned him down.

Capt. Glen Rose of the state highway patrol was at the Houston Southern Pacific station to meet Jester, his office at Austin said. A man sent in to arouse the governor found him dead in his berth. At the capitol, flags were immediately lowered to half-staff as state offices were closed. Shoppers, state officials and employees gathered around teletype machines to read the news.

"We just can't believe it," one state employee said.

The state supreme court at Austin postponed its hearing Wednesday meeting until Friday.

Moore announced that Weldon Hart, assistant executive secretary, was en route to Houston with a highway patrol escort to assume charge of the body.

Jester swept into the state's highest public office with an overwhelming majority more than two years ago. His victory ended



GOVERNOR JESTER AND FAMILY — Mrs. George T. Jester and distinguished son (above), as they attended the opening Democratic campaign in the summer of 1946 for the governorship at the courthouse here, while (below) is the first family when

the governor was inaugurated early in 1947—left to right, sitting, Mrs. George T. Jester, Beauford, Jr., and Mrs. Beauford Jester; standing, daughter, Barbara Jester Burris, Jester and daughter, Joan Jester.

a battle over personalities in which Homer P. Rainey ousted University of Texas president with his arch opponent.

Jester proclaimed he was campaigning on the "people's path," and promised no new taxes.

Taking office Jan. 21, 1947, Jester said his objectives included a progressive and solvent state government, meeting the needs of public education, health, social welfare, law enforcement, capital and labor, safety, and the conservation of natural resources.

A 46-year-old ambition was fulfilled when Jester became governor.

Affable, distinguished-looking 53-year-old Beauford H. Jester first expressed his idea of becoming governor at the age of 7 when he asked his mother what a lieutenant governor was. His father, George T. Jester, had been elected that office.

Told that the office was next to the governor, young Jester replied:

"Well, I want to be the real governor."

He became the "real governor" twice in a row.

The dignified but smiling lawyer and gentleman farmer from Corsicana who described himself as a "liberal but not a loose Democrat," stopped into the governor's office from his railroad commission office where he served since 1942.

Jester made only three contested political races, all won successfully. His first was for the railroad commission post to fill an unexpired two year term. In 1944 he was re-elected without opposition, the first time in 20 years that a candidate for that important oil and gas regulatory office had run unopposed. The fact was attributed to Jester's warm and friendly nature along with a spotless record in office.

His second contested race began —this one for governor—with a prayer from his then 85-year-old mother for divine guidance, and a spot in his own campaign newspaper that he was a candidate for governor. Discounted only in the race as a strong contender, he soon overcame odds and ran a tough race ahead of 12 opponents, four of whom withdrew. He was re-elected last summer.

Jester, the first governor in the second century of Texas statehood, was born January 12, 1893, of a pioneer family. As far back as 1846 his family began coming to Texas and in 1868 his father, the late George T. Jester, came to Corsicana.

In 1894, the year after Beauford Jester was born, George T. Jester was elected lieutenant governor of Texas and served two terms, while Charles A. Culberson was governor. Beauford Jester's father was previously a member of the Texas Senate during Governor Hogg's administration and was an ardent supporter of Governor Hogg. He helped Governor Hogg carry out his campaign platform for the creation of a railroad commission.

His father was also a prominent layman in the Methodist church and his mother, Mrs. Frances Gorden Jester, 88 years old on San Jacinto Day, has long been a Sunday School teacher in Corsicana.

In Corsicana, Jester went to public school.

After finishing high school, Jester entered the University of Texas. He was a leader in student activities, helped organize the Glee

Club and became a member of Tau Chapter of Kappa Sigma. His work on the Daily Texan when it became the first college daily paper in the south earned him membership in Sigma Delta Chi, honorary journalistic fraternity. He was elected to Friar, honorary senior academic society. He took his B. A. degree at the University of Texas in 1918 and the following fall entered Harvard Law School.

His course at Harvard was interrupted in 1917 when America entered the First World War, and he came back to Texas and entered the first officers training camp at Leon Springs.

He was commissioned captain of infantry at the end of the first officers training camp, and in August, 1917, was assigned to company in 357th Infantry, 90th division. He commanded this company from the date of its organization to its demobilization.

Jester had been elected president of the First Officers' Training Camp Association, Leon Springs; president of the 40th Division Veterans Association; and post commander of the John-Jones-Wiggins Post 22, American Legion, Corsicana.

On his return from overseas, Jester again entered the University of Texas, where he took his law degree in 1920. Immediately thereafter, he put up his shingle and began practicing law in his home town. Soon after he opened his law office, the Powell Oil Field came in near Corsicana.

Jester practiced law in every county in the country, from the supreme court to the U. S. supreme court. For sixteen years he served as president of the Navarro County Bar Association and was director of the state bar, 1940-41.

In 1921 he married Miss Mabel Buchanan of Texarkana, Arkansas. They had three children—Barbara (Mrs. Howard Burris), born in 1925; Joan, born 1929 and Beauford, Jr., born 1938.

One of Jester's hobbies was books. He loved the soil and livestock. Another of his hobbies was looking after his black land farms and raising thoroughbred stock. He was an ardent horseman, hunter, and fisherman.

Jester was chairman of the board of trustees of his church and a trustee of the Methodist Home in Waco. He was a York and Scottish Rite Mason, Shriner, and a charter member of the Corsicana Rotary Club.

A devotee to football and baseball, Jester played baseball on teams in the City League of Corsicana until they disbanded in the early thirties. Shortstop and second base were the positions he played.

The University of Texas had always been one of Jester's chief interests. In 1920 he was appointed to the board of regents.

He was chairman of the board two years. His work resulted in a P. W. A. loan and grant for the administration building and library tower.

Soon shortly after World War I, Jester had been a reserve officer, and after December 7, 1941, he volunteered again. He was rejected

## FUNERAL

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home to chat and talk with his long friends and neighbors.

Hosts of Friends.

Noted for his geniality and friendly smile, Jester was always proud of his host of friends.

Dignified and gracious, he looked as most people thought a governor should look. The handsome Corsican, graying at the temples with 56 years of age,

was as popular as any man—that he had the gift of making friends through the years and retaining them—and during his campaigns was continually meeting ex-class mates from the University of Texas and Harvard University days, a buddy of World War I, or a business associate whom he had met during his extensive law prac-

their disputes and strikes and are the victims of the delays, inconveniences, and threats to their health and work-day tasks.

In the program I presented to the people of Texas for the building of a greater Texas, presented as Texas stands on the threshold of great industrial and agricultural development, I charted a path between the extremes of the left and the right. This path would give first consideration to the great masses of the people of this state. It was built upon the principle that the people of Texas are entitled to first consideration on all public matters. This path includes the importance of capital and labor, both of equal dignity and responsibility, with both supported by and answerable to the people."

"...Our charge from the voters of Texas, whose will has been decisively expressed, calls for a progressive and a solvent state government. It calls for a government that will keep pace with the great possibilities of this state, foreseen and shaped in marvelous destiny. In so doing, our government must be possessed of Christian heart and brain. It must always be mindful that the home, the church and the school are the very foundations of our well-being and ever strive to strengthen these foundations."

for a minor physical disqualification in May, 1941, after being ordered to duty.

Jester was appointed by then Gov. Coke R. Stevenson to fill a vacancy on the Texas Railroad Commission from Aug. 25, 1942, to Jan. 1, 1943, and was elected to fill Jerry Sadler's two-year unexpired term. He was reelected to a full six-year term, beginning January 1, 1945. He was unopposed the first time in 22 years that a candidate for reelection to the railroad commission had been unopposed.

On May 4, 1946, on the courthouse lawn at Corsicana, in his native county of Navarro, Jester opened his campaign for the governorship. The gubernatorial campaign of 1946 was one of the most heated campaigns in the history of Texas. There were 14 candidates, of which were 12 major candidates. At the beginning of the campaign there were many who believed that Dr. Rainey, the deposed president of the University of Texas, and the leader of the liberal and anti-war forces in Texas, would lead the field.

Jester traveled from one end of Texas to the other, meeting the people, explaining his platform, and urging them to adopt the "People's Path" of government.

Jester led Rainey in the first primary, by 153,000 votes. In the third second primary, Jester increased his lead and obtained 701,018 out of 1,056,672 total votes cast, or 66.84 per cent of the vote, for the most decisive victory in Texas.

Jester often expressed his belief that Texans are a race of people with distinctive characteristics. This became of the impress and influence of the early history of Texas from the days it was a domain of American Indians who wrested their independence from Mexico, established a Republic, and, some nine years later, upon terms agreeable to them, entered the American Union as a state.

The following excerpts from his inaugural address, delivered on Jan. 21, 1947, when he took the oath of office as chief executive of Texas, perhaps best give his political philosophy:

"...In my campaign for the governorship of this state, I made it clear to Texans in my proposal that the path our government should take and follow was the one taken by the people who built this state. That was the path and pattern of Democratic principles of government. These principles establish government of the people, for the people, by the people—that government must be subservient to the will of the majority—that government must stem from the bottom up, and not from the top down—that those who are governed least are governed best.

"The key to this kind of government is the will of the people. But the will of the people has been and still is in danger of frustration because of two conflicting theories thrust upon us, with no alternate choice.

"One extremely far to the right, would imperil labor. The other equally far to the left, would subjugate capital and management and destroy free enterprise in the conduct of Texas business.

The great masses of the people of Texas are given scant consideration in either of these strongly pressed political programs. And yet, it is the great masses of our people who pay the cost and are squeezed between labor and management in

time that extended over the entire state.

With the first flash of the governor's death the telephones at the Daily Sun were swamped with calls.

"Is it true that the governor is dead?"

Informing the report was true, most of the callers with a "that's too bad" safely broke the connection.

Varied Activities.

In addition to his varied activities as a lawyer, citizen and public official, his services as a member of the board of regents of the University of Texas was outstanding. The great building program of the University was started during his tenure of office.

Jester was vice president of the Corsicana Oilers, professional baseball club, for several years, and as attorney for the club in 1925, gained first half championship award after the directors of the Texas Association had extended the first half. Corsicana was leading at the previously designated half-way mark and Temple at the later date. Jester appealed to the minor league office and won—Corsicana later also winning the second half of the loop.

Chairman of the Corsicana High School Athletic council for about 20 years, he was still an ex-officio member of that body and for years had consistently sought the re-establishment of baseball in the public schools.

Jester's last public appearance here was June 3 when he attended funeral services for Tom L. Tyson, Corsicana attorney and secretary of the Texas Democratic executive committee, a long-time personal and political friend.

Jester ordinarily acts as the governor's chauffeur, but he said Mrs. Jester had taken her husband to the station last night when he boarded the train for Houston.

Beauford Jr., 10, returned from day camp. He stayed in his room with his best friend, Terry Statler, lying on the bed and reading books.

Joan, the younger daughter, was calm as she stayed by her mother's side.

Friends swarmed to the mansion as news of Jester's death spread. Telegrams came from all parts of the nation.

Friends filled Harrell's eyes as he spoke of the governor. Originally from Corsicana, the soft-spoken ranger had known Jester all his life.

"He was as close to me as a brother. There was no one in the